

Waldheim arrives in Syria over UNDOF RETURNS TO NEW YORK TODAY

DAMASCUS. — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim arrived here today to discuss the renewal of the mandate of the UN force on the Golan Heights, which expires on Sunday.

Israel has already agreed to extend the mandate of the 1,200-man force for another six months, providing Syria laid no conditions.

Diplomats in Middle East capitals think that Syria will agree to extend the mandate for six months. But the Syrians may wish to link this with some kind of progress towards peace in the Middle East or on the role of the Palestinians in any settlement.

When the mandate was renewed six months ago, Damascus insisted on the Palestine Liberation Organization taking part in a Security Council debate on the Middle East.

The ruling Baath Party daily "Al-Baath" said yesterday, "the question of renewing the mandate, or not renewing it, is not a goal in itself. The real target is to push efforts forward towards the realization of a just and durable peace and to avert the danger of an explosion."

A government spokesman said Syria wanted to keep Middle East

"peace efforts within the framework of the UN and in execution of UN resolutions on complete Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory, and the recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people."

Waldheim told reporters at Damascus airport the aim of his visit was to "discuss the situation in the region with President Assad and (Foreign Minister) Khaddam." He viewed the presence of the UN force as an "important factor for the continuation of the process of negotiations and for maintaining a durable peace."

Waldheim told a questioner he did not plan to go to Israel as he was told last week it had agreed to the renewal of the mandate so long as Syria also agreed.

The Secretary-General leaves for New York today for a Security Council meeting on the mandate on Friday.

Waldheim later met briefly with Khaddam before going into a two-hour session with President Assad.

Details of the talks were not disclosed, but Waldheim and Syrian officials said another round of talks will be held today before Waldheim's departure. (Reuters)

U.S. explores ways to start Mideast talks

LONDON. — The U.S. and its Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) allies agreed yesterday that the continuing Middle East crisis is a threat to world peace.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told a meeting of the CENTO Council of Ministers that Washington is actively exploring the best way of getting Arab-Israeli peace talks underway again.

The Secretary said the Sinai agreement was a "significant" step towards Middle East peace but that current "ferment and turmoil in the area" has interrupted peace-making.

"Unfortunately the tragedy of Lebanon has preoccupied the attention of many of the parties in the Middle East. We hope the election of a new Lebanese President will begin the end of Lebanon's suffering and the restarting of more Arab-Israeli peace-making," Kissinger said.

At the same time, Kissinger and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland told the Soviets bluntly that East-West peace and detente must be on a worldwide basis and that peace in Europe does not give Moscow a free hand to carry on disruptive activities elsewhere — as in the recent Soviet-backed Cuban invasion of Angola.

"Peace is indivisible," Kissinger said. "Claims to coexistence in one part of the world cannot be coupled with disruptive conduct in another."

Crosland, echoing his words, said "detente does not stop in Europe. It cannot be insulated against behaviour outside Europe which violates its spirit."

On another subject, the four allied foreign ministers assailed the Soviet Union for sponsoring Angola-type ventures, branding them as a threat to East-West peace and detente. Kissinger read what sounded like a sombre lesson to Moscow's leaders.

He reminded his colleagues "peace must be the inescapable imperative" of all superpower actions in this world of intercontinental missiles and thermonuclear weapons. (UPI)

Mapam advised to run on separate ticket

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — By a vote of 54 to two with seven abstentions, Mapam's Political Committee yesterday advised the party to make preparations to run independently in the coming elections, although the final decision to dissolve the Alignment will be taken at a later date.

The resolution will serve as a recommendation to the party's convention which is to meet in 12 days. If the convention endorses this resolution, Mapam will begin updating its lists of members and supporters, launch a concentrated effort to recruit new members and strengthen its information department.

These measures would have to be taken in any case before the parliamentary elections due in November 1977. But Elazar Granot, the party's organizational secretary, told The Jerusalem Post that under normal circumstances Mapam would not have begun preparations this early.

The Political Committee also recommended the convention instruct the Central Committee to decide at the end of this year or the beginning of next year "which party

forum will make the final decision on the future of the Alignment." This provision was inserted at the insistence of Ya'acov Hazan who supports continuation of the Alignment.

Without that clause the resolution could have meant the end was on the Alignment to prevent dissolution of the Alignment. The Political Committee's meeting was postponed for 45 minutes while the drafting committee argued over Hazan's demand for a clause requiring an actual decision to abolish the Alignment.

Mapam has complained that the Alignment's security and peace policies were not dovish enough and that its social and economic policies were not socialist enough. Party members were also displeased with the little degree of cooperation that existed between the Alignment partners.

Yesterday's decision was designed to pressure the Labour Party into accepting some of Mapam's demands. Granot said he believed Labour "would move towards us," but other members doubted it.

Labour leaders had complained of Mapam's "ultimatums." Labour's Leadership Bureau will meet today to discuss developments.

UN Council ends with 'statement'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — The Security Council last night wound up its debate on Israel's occupation practices with a "statement of the majority" read by this month's Council President, calling upon Israel to refrain from building settlements in the territories taken during the 1967 Six-Day War. The U.S. had earlier informed Israel that it would not join the majority of the 15-member Council.

The statement, which culminated a three-week debate on this issue, expresses "grave anxiety" about the "well-being of the population of these territories" and calls upon the Security Council "to follow the situation closely."

Israel Ambassador Chaim Herzog rejected the statement, declaring that this session, convened at Egyptian request, had been a waste of the Council's time. Herzog pointed out that the only purpose of the debate was for Egypt to gain an advantage over Syria — its current rival — in inter-Arab politics by championing the cause of the Palestinian Arabs.

Israel officials, however, said that the final text taken by the Council represented a victory of sorts for Israel.

The officials, who have been in close contact with their American counterparts during the debate, pointed out that Israel had managed to win three specific achievements:

- No resolution was voted upon.
- Such a resolution, which would have certainly condemned Israel, would have required a U.S. veto, and Israel and the U.S. had hoped that another U.S. veto could be avoided.
- There was no "consensus" decision made. In other words, all 15 Council members could not reach agreement on a specific course of action against Israel, the Arabs and their supporters demanding language that the U.S. could not accept.
- The Council did not call for the dispatch to Israel and the ad-

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Secretary of State Kissinger addresses CENTO meeting in London. Listening, left to right are Iran Foreign Minister Khalatbary, Pakistan Production Minister Raza, British Foreign Secretary Crosland and CENTO secretary-general Bayulken. (AP radiophoto)

Allon defines terms for an agreement

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIBUTZ GINOSAR. — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon last night spelt out the basic conditions for a far-reaching political agreement with Israel's neighbours.

He said that Israel was ready to enter into negotiations for such an agreement even though it will be less than a full peace and would not lead to normalisation of relations, but would put an end to the state of war. He said such a partial solution was possible if negotiations for a full and durable peace were not yet within reach, and Israel utterly rejected a continued deadlock.

Israel's conditions were:

- The parties to the agreement will mutually agree to refrain entirely from military, economic and political acts of hostility.
- Each side will recognize the others' right to existence even if the agreement does not determine final boundaries.
- The parties will consider the agreement the last stage prior to that of full peace and normalisation of relations.
- Within the framework of the agreement areas should be defined for cooperation on economic and other subjects for the benefit of both sides.
- Effective mutual security arrangements should be decided upon.

Allon said that though President Sadat has said that he did not consider 1976 as a year for negotiations, and would prefer 1977, his view was that every year is a good year to make peace. As far as Israel (Continued on page 2, col. 3)

SPANISH QUEEN AT MADRID SYNAGOGUE TOMORROW

MADRID. — Queen Sofia of Catholic Spain has decided to give her first public speech in a synagogue, Jewish leaders reported yesterday.

Her appearance there tomorrow will be the first any Spanish monarch has made at a non-Catholic religious ceremony since 1492, a spokesman said.

He described the Queen's decision as "personal but said it reflected a turn toward liberalism by Spain's new regime after years of rightist, militant Catholic rule. After a welcoming speech by Madrid Rabbi Baruch Garzon, the Greek-born

Austrians hunt Kuwaiti B-G airport bomber had false identity

VIENNA. — Police investigating the blast at Ben-Gurion Airport on Tuesday have confirmed that the young man killed by a bomb in his own suitcase was travelling under a false identity.

Detectives said Hugo Muller, the real owner of the Dutch passport used by the man to fly from Vienna to Israel, had contacted police in Holland to say the document had been lost or stolen. The investigators were so far unable to identify the long-haired blond young man who was killed, along with security guard Margalit (Mikky) Ben-Ishai, when he opened his suitcase at her request. Ten people were wounded in the blast.

But police were urgently hunting for a Kuwaiti, Khaled Mohammed al-Katami, who spent time with the young man in a Vienna hotel just before he left for Israel.

Robert Danziger, state police chief, said al-Katami arrived in Vienna from Kuwait on Monday and stayed at the same hotel as Muller in Vienna's 8th district. The two men stayed in adjoining rooms, spoke English to each other and both checked out Tuesday, he said.

Danziger said al-Katami had not been seen since and police were anxious to question him about his connection with Muller.

He also said that reports by security officers who examined Muller's baggage before the Austrian Airways flight to Tel Aviv gave no reason to believe they had overlooked any bomb or explosive material. Reacting sharply to Israeli press allegations that Austria was negligent over security, an Austrian Foreign Ministry spokesman said, "It would be wise to consider what happened in the 59 minutes that passed between the unloading of the baggage in Tel Aviv and the explosion."

Police chief Danziger said he did not believe it was possible for strangers to penetrate the Vienna Airport and put extra luggage on board a departing aircraft.

"All baggage is checked for the correct boarding label before it is loaded on the plane," he said. No foreign workers are employed in baggage handling, he added.

Danziger speculated that the man did not intend to detonate the bomb when he opened the bag, since it was unlikely that a European of his description would have acted in a suicidal way. He said police officers on duty at the airport checked the man's two pieces of luggage which contained only laundry, clothing, shoes and toilet articles. He carried a third bag of about 30 by 30 centimetres which was checked by other officers.

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U.S. bars labour men from Russia

WASHINGTON. — Under pressure from the AFL-CIO, the U.S. has refused to grant visas to a labour delegation from the Soviet Union to visit this country, the State Department said yesterday.

Spokesman Frederick Brown told newsmen that the AFL-CIO is opposed to labour exchanges with Communist labour officials because "such exchanges would equate our free trade unions with government-controlled trade unions in the Soviet Union."

Brown said that in handling the visa applications "we gave weight to the mainstream opinion of organized labour in the United States."

In Moscow, the secretary of the Central Council of Trade Unions, Pyotr Pimenov, accused the U.S. Government of violating the 1975 Helsinki agreement on East-West exchanges by turning down the visa applications.

Callaghan to visit Israel this year

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The office of the Prime Minister has confirmed anew with the Israel Embassy the scheduled visit of Mr. Callaghan to Israel later this year. The visit was already fixed by Callaghan's predecessor, Sir Harold Wilson, as part of an official mission to four Middle Eastern capitals — Jerusalem, Cairo, Riyadh and Teheran.

A date in September had been originally set, but Callaghan has originally local commitments like the Labour Party conference around that date. A final timetable will be set later on this year.

It will be the first time that a British Prime Minister while in office has visited the Middle East. Wilson, it is understood, has reconfirmed his original intention of visiting Israel during the course of this year together with Lady Wilson. A final date will be set.

The State Department yesterday also issued figures showing that the USSR, while formally easing its emigration rules, somewhat gave about 5,000 exit visas for Israel in the first four months of the year. At this rate, 1976 would show a slight increase over last year when 13,000 exit visas for Israel were issued.

The figures also show a continued increase in the relatively small number of exit visas for the U.S. In 1975, the U.S. Embassy processed 1,162 emigrants. This year, it processed about 680 in the first four months.

Always 50 per cent of the 1975 total bound for the U.S. were Jews. About 35 per cent of the emigrants processed this year were Jews. Armenians are the other major emigrating group coming to the U.S. from the Soviet Union and their number is rising faster than Jews. (AP)

Fighting rages, Sarkis makes peace efforts

BEIRUT. — Leftist factions yesterday endorsed President-elect Elias Sarkis' peace efforts and declared their readiness to accept another round of fighting in the capital and countryside intensified, claiming nearly 100 dead over the past 24 hours.

Heavy fighting with artillery, mortars and machineguns raged through the downtown commercial centre of Beirut, sending clouds of smoke billowing into the air.

Exchanges of artillery and fighting around two other main cities, Zahle, east of Beirut, and Sidon to the south, also erupted during the night.

The escalation coincided paradoxically with several hopeful signs that Sarkis' two-week-old efforts to bring Lebanon's rival Christian, Moslem and Palestinian factions to the negotiating table may be succeeding.

Leftist spokesmen issued statements yesterday, saying they endorsed Sarkis' call for round-table peace talks and were willing to accept another truce, the 32nd of the 18-month-old civil war.

Leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt said he "warmly welcomed the stand taken by the President-elect" and was ready to "extend our backing and support to his efforts (to bring peace)."

Newspapers said that Jumblatt drafted a formal proposal to be delivered to Sarkis calling for the adoption of three main points:

- Stabilization of a cease-fire with, however, no front line withdrawals by the combatants for the present; entering into round-table peace talks with no prior conditions; withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon gradually.

Observers noted that Jumblatt's peace plan made an important compromise on leftist demands that Syrian troops quit Lebanon by conceding they could be pulled out in stages. Christian factions have thus far been reluctant to enter into peace talks without the security of Syrian troops backing up their stand. (UPI)



Chinese Vice-Premier Chen Hsi-nien welcomes Egyptian War Minister Gen. Gamasy at Peking banquet on Tuesday night. Gamasy led an Egyptian delegation to Peking after visiting North Korea. He left for Cairo yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Police say explosives available for purchase on 'local market'

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The two handgrenades found yesterday in the Ramat Aviv home of an engineer, the grenades thrown during the Hatikva riots, the explosions which have rocked the city over the past year as the underworld sought to "settle its accounts," point to the availability of these items for those interested in using them. And indeed a market exists, according to a police spokesman.

The market was described by the police as being small, but nonetheless, with the right connections, handgrenades, explosives and weapons can be purchased. Despite the innumerable explosions in Tel Aviv — the last a mistaken attempt to blow-up Mayor Shlomo Lahav's house — the police have not yet set up a special staff to

locate the sources or the dealers in this equipment.

Asked whether the police were turning their special attention to this explosives market, a police spokesman said that they and the military police were investigating the matter.

The civil police investigation, it was explained, was essentially an information-gathering operation and a normal part of the police intelligence's day-to-day work.

Special units are set up, it was explained, to investigate all the events and circumstances surrounding a major crime. This might entail tracing explosives if they were used, but no unit is solely concerned with weapons or explosives.

Despite police disclaimers, it has been learnt, though, that since the Hatikva riots, police plainclothes-

men in the neighbourhood have stepped up their activities there to locate weapon caches which Hatikva hotheads have reportedly prepared in case the city should try to continue with its demolition programme.

The police don't want to face a repeat performance of Monday's events. The handgrenades which were thrown, probably the first time in the history of the state, when Jews attacked Jewish policemen in such a manner, shocked not only the country but the police-men as well.

Yesterday morning, a Kalashnikov automatic rifle with bullets was discovered by police under some rocks not far from Nahor Netivot where this week's riots took place. (Related stories — Page 2)



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Mapam and the Alignment: Yosef Goel fills in the background to the party's forthcoming convention.

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IN THE KNESSET

Rabin fixes dissident label to Gush Emunim

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday reiterated his strong criticism of the Gush Emunim movement.

Replying in the Knesset to a parliamentary question from Amnon An (Likud), Rabin confirmed a newspaper report that he had described them as "dissidents" who operate in undemocratic ways.

Defining his use of the term "dissidents," Rabin explained it as rejection of national authority, breaking the law for political purposes, defying the orders of the F (Israel Defence Forces) and even the IDF from imposing a law by physical opposition. He added it included "an anti-democratic ideology to justify its actions."

Rabin refused to reply to a question from Alkiva Nof (Likud) on whether Israeli Prime Ministers had ever received informational reports on the private lives of political leaders here, prepared as a result of detective work, saying only that he himself had neither requested nor received them.

Also to Nof, he confirmed a newspaper report last month quoting him as saying that "a group of people is acting systematically to stir up trouble between the leaders of the U.S. and of Israel." Rabin said he could name no names since he had no legal proof of his accusation, but he had made the statement quoted in the light of "tendentious and even distorted publication of classified and secret material indicating an intention to disturb relations with friends abroad."

Half of Rabin's 28 replies were more than six months late. Seven were more than 12 months late. One dated back to November 27, 1974 — almost a parliamentary record.

Gov't plans to take over 20,000 dunams in North

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Government's land acquisition plans for the north call for development of a total of 20,000 dunams, namely Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz told the Knesset yesterday during question time.

Of the total, 6,500 dunams belong to Arabs, somewhat more than 4,000 to Jews and approximately 900 are state-owned.

In the reply to Mapam's Aharon Efrat — Rabinowitz said the government's Arab Affairs Adviser, Daniel Toledano, did not oppose expropriations of the Arab lands, had been reported in the press. He reason behind the land acquisition, said Rabinowitz, were to expand the municipal limits of Carmel, Upper Nazareth and Safad; to establish a town of 10,000 people at Ma'ar and to build housing developments for Arabs in Judeida and Julis.

In a reply to a question from Yehzekel Flommin of the Likud, Rabinowitz disclosed that payments made by the State Revenue Administration to informers on neighbours and friends who evade taxes are not subject to income tax. "We follow the practice of the police and other Government services who are assisted by informers," Rabinowitz said.

Pupils to clean classrooms

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Education Minister Aharon Yadin told the Knesset Education Committee yesterday that schoolchildren could have to clean their own classrooms next year.

Yadin reported on a planned 100m. cut in education budgets distributed through the local authorities and not through his own Ministry. He said 11,500m. would have to be cut on janitors and cleaning services, 11,700m. on school meals, 11,700m. on school uniforms, 11,700m. on cultural enrichment programmes. Another 20m. would have to be saved by closing down classes in addition to the closure of 500 classes already announced.

Yadin said his Ministry would have to save over 117m. on cultural projects which it subsidized directly, like the Israel Opera and the Bimot Theatre. There was a risk that these might close down as a result, he warned. The Yeminite dance troupe, Inbal, would also have its allocation cut.

In the committee debate, Havi Simoni (Alignment) said that culturally deprived populations which needed to be served by Bimot and Inbal were getting a raw deal under the budget cuts. He objected to the cuts in the school meals and cultural enrichment programmes.

KNESSET BRIEFS

UBLIC NOTARIES who are disqualified from functioning, because of a criminal offence will remain disqualified permanently, under a raft of the Notaries Law, completed in the Law Committee yesterday and due to get its final reading in the plenum next week.

200M. HAS been invested so far in Tel Aviv's Netiv Ayalon expressway project, out of a total budget of 11,650m., the Knesset Finance Committee was told yesterday in reply to a question from Aharon Efrat (Alignment-Mapam).

HAYKA Grossman of Mapam has asked Minister of Education Aharon

Yadin to check reports that "pressure by religious circles, including Minister of Religious Affairs Yitzhak Rabin," is forcing the Jerusalem Municipality to "waste 11.6m. to put up a new state religious school in the Capital's Valley of the Cross when this money could be used for more vital needs than religious education."

AHARON EFRAT, also of Mapam, charged that exports to North America have fallen in the past two years, possibly because of faulty packaging. He cited an unfavourable comment on Israeli packaging recently made by Professor Robert Goldberg, a New York packaging expert.

TAXMAN TO WATCH TRAVELLERS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Income Tax Commissioner Eliezer Shiloni yesterday ordered that the tax authorities be given the names of all people travelling abroad this year and especially those who take part in luxurious tours.

Shiloni also ordered the tax authorities to pay special attention to luxury travellers and that their tax declarations be checked carefully in the near future. He made special reference to those Israelis who take a coast to coast tour in the U.S.

The authorities will obtain their information from the offices handling the travel tax which are obliged to pass on the necessary information under regulations issued this week by the legal adviser to the Income Tax Commission.

American artists protest Baghdad art congress

NEW YORK — Forty-four leading American painters and sculptors have joined in a public statement deploring the choice of Baghdad as the site of the current eighth World Congress of the International Association of Art. The congress, which began on May 17, ends today.

Among the signatories are Willem de Kooning, Robert Motherwell, Robert Rauschenberg, Chaim Gross, Robert Indiana, Raphael Soyer, Avital Oz, Doris Zaslavsky, and Jack Levine.

Their protest was released yesterday by the American Jewish Congress, which circulated the statement among leading figures in the American art world.

The statement said that "by meeting in Baghdad the IAA has in effect closed its eyes to Iraq's long history of brutal racist atrocities, of execution without trial, and of victimization of its ethnic and religious minorities."

According to the protest, "The IAA has in fact ignored the participation of Israeli artists and the fact that all Jewish artists, none of whom can be safe or secure in a country which has endorsed and applauded terrorist activities aimed at Israel and the Jewish people."

The IAA has consultative status with the United Nations Conference and derives some of its funds from that source. (JTA)

Grenade attack in Tirat Carmel

HAIFA — A Tirat Carmel couple escaped injury Tuesday when a handgrenade thrown into their apartment wrecked the bedroom. Yacov Ethias and his wife were in the kitchen of their apartment at the time of the explosion, which occurred at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Police arrested three brothers from Tirat Carmel and suspect the attack stemmed from a "settling of accounts."

About six weeks ago, also in Tirat Carmel, a handgrenade was fired to a car exploded injuring two residents. The police arrested a suspect against whom charges will soon be filed in the Haifa District Court. (Him)

Treasury bows to seamen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The seamen will also get their May salary at the low, pre-reform income tax rates, it was learned yesterday. The Treasury made an attempt to apply the reform to the seamen's wages last month, but abandoned the attempt in the face of a warning strike by the Marine Officers Union. Under the reform, the Treasury was due to collect over 11.5m. worth of additional taxes from the seamen, whose foreign currency earnings are still taxed at the old 11.420 per dollar rate.

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is concerned the way was open to move forward to peace at once.

Allon was speaking at his annual spring meeting of Jews and Arabs on the shore of Lake Kinneret at his kibbutz. This year, despite the recent unrest in the West Bank and the land day disturbances in Galilee, nearly 2,000 people — more than ever before — attended the gathering.

The guests included the visiting Foreign Minister of Honduras, Roberto Perdomo Paredes, many members of the Diplomatic Corps, religious dignitaries of all faiths, Arabs from all over the country and the area, and Jewish friends from Galilee.

The meeting was opened by a reading of verses on peace from the Old Testament, the Koran and the New Testament.

Allon said that peace was the only possible solution for the Middle East, but made it clear that Israel had the strength and the will to repel any Arab attack, and reserved its right to self-defence with all that this implies.

Turning to his guests from the West Bank, he said that the unhappy events of the past weeks would not in the slightest degree advance any positive interest, including those of the inhabitants. "Violent demonstrations, business closures, stone-throwing and the burning of tyres will do nothing to change the basic situation, and certainly not for the better," he said.

The Palestinian problem had unhappily served as a playball in the hands of the leaders of the neighbouring countries, who were responsible for it and for the suffering it had brought. Nevertheless "I will not suggest to my government to sign a peace agreement with our neighbour on our eastern border, unless the Palestinian issue also finds a constructive and just solution," he stated.

He considered it necessary that the Palestinians living within the jurisdiction of Israel's military government should be given a chance to be partners in the determination of their future.



Rina Mor, the 18-year-old winner of the Miss Israel Contest, receives a kiss from Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. Chosen out of a group of 22 candidates on Tuesday night, Miss Mor is serving in the army as a Gadhia instructor. She will represent the country at international beauty contests and other functions throughout the year. (Rahamin Yisrael)

AIR FREIGHT CHARTER COMPANY STILL IN DOUBT

Hod warns, gov't wavers, Agrexco plans

Jerusalem Post Staff

Mordechai "Motti" Hod warned yesterday that El Al may block the formation of his proposed air cargo charter company, and the Knesset Economic Committee was still split over the issue, but Agrexco, the government sponsored agricultural produce export company, has already given farmers new quotas, on the assumption that the company is a reality.

Hod, speaking to aviation correspondents in Tel Aviv, said the economic ministers will soon have to arbitrate between the farmers, represented by Agrexco, and El Al (each is to own 49 per cent of the new company). He said El Al wants charters restricted to not more than 4 groups or persons sharing a Jumbo with a 107-ton carrying capacity. The farmers want a minimum similar to that imposed in Germany, 4.5 tons per customer.

Hod warned that if the ministers' decisions are not in line with his ideas, he will not agree to run it. He added the Yom Kippur War revealed that Israel didn't have sufficient air freight potential.

Replying to Hod, Arnold Sherman, an El Al member of the forming committee, said an overwhelming amount of the bulk freight carried by El Al is already 4.5 tons and over. El Al believes, he said, that it is impossible to run a company on the prices Hod quoted.

Meanwhile the Knesset Economic Committee was split yesterday over the proposed company.

EL AL'S POSITION

El Al Director-General Mordechai Ben-Ari claimed that El Al was capable of carrying all cargo necessary. If the new company was set up, he insisted it be limited to charter flights for agricultural produce only. El Al, he said, was now willing to carry produce at \$380 per ton on jumbo jets. The Director-General of the Transport Ministry, Amnon Shilo, agreed that El Al should be favoured in its share of the new company.

Reuven Eiland, Director-General of the Agriculture Ministry, claimed there was a conflict of interest in El Al's position which would prevent the new company from achieving its purpose of inexpensive produce transport. He suggested a parallel company, independent of El Al, with shipment to be conducted according to free competition.

Mordechai Hod said the new firm would be able to carry export goods at \$250 per ton, a significant reduction, by leasing planes. Because of a recession in the air industry, it was possible to lease planes cheaply, he said. But Agrexco general manager Moshe Shavit told a Rotary meeting at the Nof Hotel in Haifa yesterday that, based on the cheaper air freight rates, tomato growers had already been told to quadruple their export crops from 3,000 tons to 12,000 tons for next year, and the green pepper growers in the Arava to double their crop from 3,500 to 8,000 tons.

If the air company starts operating at its proposed low rates, the flower exports would no longer need government subsidies, Mr. Shavit said. "The lower air freight rates will in fact open a whole new era for agricultural exports, a large part of which must be shipped by air to sell," he stressed.

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New centre for worst juvenile delinquents

By ERMIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A closed wing for the worst cases of delinquent boys will open at the Mitzpe Yam diagnostic centre for juvenile delinquents on Sunday. The new wing will have places for 40 inmates. Until now the Welfare Ministry had only one institution, Gil Am, near Haifa, to which it could send boys sentenced to jail by the courts, the Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The first group of 16 juvenile offenders will be transferred to Mitzpe Yam from regular jails on Sunday. Among the inmates will be a boy of 15 who has accumulated no less than 450 convictions. Because some of these juvenile offenders are a danger to society and to themselves, judges in the past have had no choice but to send them to regular jails, the spokesman said.

The management of Mitzpe Yam will adopt the token system used successfully at Gil Am. Under this system, inmates can earn privileges in return for good behaviour. The wards referred to Mitzpe Yam have failed to respond to educational efforts in other institutions and it is realized that their chances of full rehabilitation are slim.

Emigrants from Israel threaten hunger strike

ROME — 450 Soviet Jews, who came to Italy after a brief stay in Israel and are now awaiting entry visas to the U.S., yesterday threatened a hunger strike if their problems are not solved by the end of the week.

The emigrants, who left Israel six months ago, complained that they had received no financial or medical help since they arrived, and they were out of work.

They have been demonstrating outside the headquarters of two Jewish organizations since May 17, demanding material help and arrangements for immigration to the U.S. (AFP)

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U.S. shipper drops Haifa from Baltimore-Iran run

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Star Line shipping company of New York has cancelled plans to operate a roll-on roll-off eighter service from Baltimore via Haifa to Iran. The service, which had been opposed by the Zim company for competitive reasons, was to have opened next week with the American flag freighter, Puerto Rico.

The Jerusalem Post learned that the Star Line manager, Dr. Yoram Imogi, shelved the plan because it was unable to get American aid for the Baltimore-Haifa leg of the sailing. Therefore, the ship with only Iran-bound cargoes will continue the Baltimore-Bandar Shah-run started several months ago. The company's Haifa agent, Zvi

Ra'anan of the Netra company, said that Star Line would enter the lucrative Israel-Iran trade, with a chartered European vessel, which will sail from Haifa. The 3,000-ton vessel, already chartered, will carry containerized and palletized cargoes.

"The Star Line team in Bandar Shahpur will undertake to get the ship unloaded within 48 hours of arrival, just like the Puerto Rico," he said. He said this would give the company a tremendous advantage over Zim whose ships are forced to wait up to two months in the overcrowded port and must pay heavy congestion surcharges.

Israel exported \$130m. worth of goods to Iran last year and the amount is expected to reach \$150m. this year.

Police say Kahane's tale of Old City murder is 'nonsense'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Police Commander David Krause yesterday described as "pure nonsense" a claim by Rabbi Meir Kahane that a Jew had been beaten to death in the Old City last Passah.

Krause also denied claims by the ultra-leader of "Kach" that Jews in their way to pray at the Western Wall have been insulted and disturbed by Arabs recently.

Kahane made the charges at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday morning. Though admitting that he didn't know who had "murdered" the man who had supposedly been hit in the head near the Zion Gate, Kahane said the police and the municipality have "kept the incident quiet" so as not to arouse

trouble. If the police and other security forces cannot or will not protect citizens, he added, "we will form our own partisan group to do it."

Kahane outlined his plan for "preventing the inevitable Northern Ireland-like chaos" that would appear in Israel in the future. He urged that "every Arab of Eretz Yisrael, the State and the Liberated Lands be offered a voluntary transfer to either an Arab or, if possible, a Western country." Those who accept will be given full compensation for property and a cash grant, paid for by world Jewry. Those who refuse to declare their allegiance to the Jewish State and their acceptance of Jewish sovereignty would be removed, if necessary, by force.

Attorney held for stolen goods

HAIFA — The arrest of Attorney Amnon Sternberg on Tuesday in connection with possession of stolen property and traffic in foreign currency was followed yesterday by three more arrests.

Yacov Maor was remanded into seven days' custody after police found gold ingots and jewellery in his flat which were believed to be stolen.

Arye Marimovitch, the brother of

Maor, was found in possession of foreign currency and jewellery, also allegedly stolen. Police claimed the four men arrested so far were part of a large group of Haifa residents involved in buying and selling stolen property. Marimovitch said he had received a ring from Sternberg two years ago, but had no other connection with him. The foreign currency was from an uncle, he said. (Him)

AFTER SIX MORE PRIMARIES Reagan's big win fails to materialize

NEW YORK—The heaviest presidential primary day in American history ended with President Ford holding off Ronald Reagan on what might have been a big Reagan day and Democratic front-runner Jimmy Carter increasing his delegate lead.

There were six primaries on Tuesday, three in southern or border states and three in the far west, areas that are the cornerstone of Reagan's sun belt strategy of amassing delegates for the party's nominating convention in August.

Ford managed a split in the popular vote, winning as expected in Oregon and beating Reagan by narrow margins in Tennessee and Kentucky. Ford picked up 76 delegates in the six contests, but Reagan's bigger wins in Nevada, Idaho and Arkansas gave him 100 additional delegates, a net gain of 24 delegates on the day.

With Tuesday's contests included, the President still leads, 777 delegates to 644 for Reagan.

Carter won Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee, but lost Oregon, considered the day's main event, to Sen. Frank Church. Church also won in his home state of Idaho. California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. easily captured the Nevada primary.

But Carter, despite the mixed results, won a total of 137 delegates, combining those picked up in primaries with 28 more in district conventions in Missouri and two in an Alabama runoff. That puts the former Georgia governor past the halfway mark with 877 of the 1,505 delegates needed for the Democratic nomination.

Carter picked up an added boost

yesterday when Mayor Abraham Beame of New York endorsed him for the Democratic nomination.

Rep. Morris E. Udall of Arizona, who picked up a scattered six delegates Tuesday, remains second with 298.5. There is also a bloc of 399.5 uncommitted votes.

Reagan had predicted he would win at least four of the six and it looked for a while like he might squeeze out a win in Tennessee to make his prediction good. Ford's margin was narrow through much of the evening, and Reagan pulled to within 123 votes with about 50 precincts left to report.

But those precincts were in the Knoxville area, where Ford had done well all night and when they were finally counted, the President had squeezed through to a 1,500-vote victory, although he lost the delegate race 22-21 because of weighing by congressional districts.

Stuart Spencer, Ford's deputy campaign manager, said the President was happy with the results. "This is the night Reagan had to make a big comeback," Spencer said. "He didn't do it."

Reagan said he was pleased with his wins in Arkansas, Idaho and Nevada. He said of Kentucky and Tennessee, "I feel good doing as well as I did in these border states."

Church called the Oregon and Idaho wins "a quantum leap forward for my campaign." And he added: "The results tonight show people are taking a second look at Jimmy Carter."

But Carter emphasized his delegate harvest and that he has won half the primaries he has entered in May.

Law for Transkei homeland published

CAPE TOWN—South Africa yesterday published legislation granting a black homeland independence on October 26 this year, a landmark in the policy of separate racial development.

The act of parliament also will automatically deprive some 1.5 million blacks of their South African citizenship, constitutional experts said.

South Africa will classify anyone with birth, cultural or linguistic connections with the Transkei homeland as a citizen of the new state.

Under its chief minister, Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima, the Transkei was the first homeland to opt for independence in Pretoria's policy to divide South Africa into white and black states. There are 10 black homelands and so far only one other, Bophutatswana, has chosen to follow the Transkei.

WITHOUT VIOLENCE

In a Republic Day speech at Pretoria University, Prime Minister John Vorster said yesterday that as far as he knew the Transkei would be the first black state to attain nationhood "without violence, hate or discord." He said it showed South Africa's "good faith."

There are between 1.5 and 2 million Xhosa and Sotho inhabitants of the Transkei, in the far southeast of South Africa, and a further 1.5 million members of the Xhosa and Sotho tribes who live in "white South Africa."

If the independent Transkei refuses to extend citizenship to those working in the Republic, then they "will become stateless persons by an act of the Transkei," according to the Minister of Bantu Affairs, M.C. Botha.

Matanzima has said it should be left to the individual to opt for whatever status he wishes. Under the act being presented to Parliament now, persons considered to be Transkeian will be permitted to vote in elections in the new state, whether they live there or in South Africa.

Disputes over citizenship can be referred to a board to be appointed by the South African and Transkeian Prime Ministers, according to the new act, which is being opposed by white opposition parties on the grounds it will fragment the Republic, apportioning about 13 per cent of the land area to the 18 million blacks, more than 70 per cent of the population.

In Rhodesia, a group of white business and professional men is calling for an end to racial discrimination as a means of forestalling increased guerrilla activity, a spokesman said on Tuesday.

WHITE SUPPORT

He said the group would announce details of its campaign to consolidate general white support for its views. Members of the group did not want to be identified but there was a growing feeling among whites the guerrilla war could not be won by military means alone.

The White Rhodesia Party, an outspoken opponent of Premier Ian Smith's government, has tabled a resolution for discussion at its annual congress on Saturday, urging an "urgent" end to discriminatory legislation.

This month has seen the highest casualty tolls of the fighting in the guerrilla war that has lasted more than three years. The security forces have lost 17 men since May 1, while 74 guerrillas have been killed in skirmishes, according to official figures.

General calls Portugal a 'disaster'

LISBON—A right-wing Portuguese general, Gen. Kaulza de Arriaga, told a news conference Tuesday that the country was in a situation of a "national disaster and fast evolving towards its consummation, with a real danger to the very existence of Portugal as an independent nation."

Everything since the April 25, 1974 revolution that ended 48 years of dictatorship "has been a mistake because military men aren't politicians," he added.

It was Arriaga's first public statement since his release from 16 months in prison last January. The country's leftist rulers jailed him during the convulsions surrounding the resignation of former president Antonio de Spínola in September, 1974.

The general earned the nickname "Pink Panther" from the troops he commanded during the Portuguese colonial wars in the East African territory of Mozambique. He was a friend and admirer of American Gen. William Westmoreland and his strategy against the Mozambican guerrillas reflected those of Westmoreland in Vietnam.

Regarding Portugal's June 27 presidential elections, Arriaga said the time was not "suitable" for him to be a candidate, but "should the opportunity arise for my more active intervention, and the Portuguese people so desire, I will be present."

Soviet Jews protest USSR chess boycott

MOSCOW—A group of Soviet Jews angered by the Soviet decision to boycott next October's chess olympiad in Israel, yesterday called for a review of the decision to hold the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

In an open letter to Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee, and Max Euwe, president of the International Chess Federation, 38 Jews said the Soviet boycott contradicted the sense and aims of the Olympic movement.

The letter described as "malicious nonsense" the claim by the Soviet Chess Federation last week that the players' security could not be guaranteed in Israel.

USSR says 3 U.S. newsmen spy for CIA in Moscow

MOSCOW—In a savage but unsubstantiated attack, a Soviet newspaper yesterday accused three American correspondents in Moscow of being connected with the CIA. Diplomats saw the Central Intelligence Agency and carrying out "hostile, subversive activity" against the USSR.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said no journalist in Moscow has any contact with the CIA.

The weekly "Literaturnaya Gazeta" said it had letters which "concretely and convincingly described the hostile, subversive activity of these correspondents in plainclothes."

Apart from saying the letters came from Moscow, Tbilisi and Tallin, the newspaper gave no indication who had written them or what they said. It offered no evidence to support its accusations.

The correspondents named were Christopher S. Wren of "The New York Times," George Krinsky of the Associated Press and Alfred Friendly Jr. of "Newsweek."

"The accusation is totally fabricated," Wren said. "I'm not a spy."

Krinsky said his company's policy did not allow him to comment. Friendly was traveling in Central Asia and unavailable for comment.

It was the first time in memory that the Soviets accused an American journalist resident in Moscow of being connected with the CIA. Diplomats saw the attack as a reflection on the strained state of Soviet-American relations.

The Soviet Union has not taken any action against an American correspondent living in Moscow since 1970, when it barred three.

"Literaturnaya Gazeta" said the three correspondents had long been violating the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which among other things guarantees freedom of the press. It said their "loyalty to their true master—the CIA—combines surprisingly with their obligations to the free press."

In New York, "The Times" said the Soviet accusation "dramatically confirms" that news organizations cannot maintain independence as long as the CIA refuses to reveal "its full association with American journalists."

"It is essential that not only the readers of the newspaper, but our news sources have assurance that they are dealing only with us and not with some secret branch of the government," "The Times" said. (UPI)

Kissinger says Castro acted under U.S. threat

LONDON—U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said on Tuesday night that American get-tough pressure and the Ford administration's new Africa policy helped produce Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's announcement he is withdrawing combat troops from Angola.

"I think Cuba has had to recognize that its relationship with the U.S. was deteriorating to a serious point, that we were determined to prevent any further military adventures," Kissinger said in a CBS television interview.

Asked if the new U.S. policy toward Africa prodded Cuba into the pullback action, Kissinger said, "I think the new African policy contri-

buted importantly, and certainly gained us a great deal of support in Africa."

"Other African states agreed with our policy that African development should be left to African nations and should not be determined by outside forces. I think all of these factors came together," he added.

Meanwhile in Washington, U.S. intelligence sources said yesterday there was no evidence yet of any Cuban withdrawal from the new African state.

In another reaction, South African Defence Minister Pieter Botha said in Cape Town yesterday that he is sceptical about the Cuban state-

Envoy's daughter abducted by Mexican terror group

MEXICO CITY—Nadine Chaval, the 16-year-old daughter of Belgian Ambassador Andre Chaval, was kidnapped two blocks from her home as she was being driven to school by the family chauffeur, police sources said yesterday.

Mexican newspapers said the abductors left messages identifying themselves with the 23rd of September terror group and demanding \$500,000 ransom. One paper reported the kidnappers apparently intended to seize the ambassador, and carried out the abduction Tuesday morning when the girl and her chauffeur drove into their ambush. It quoted a communiqué as saying the abductors would "respect the life of the diplomat."

A witness, Juan Angeles Hernandez, said a man and a woman in a red car blocked the ambassador's automobile while three men dressed like construction workers ran up, pulled out the chauffeur and dragged the girl from the back

seat. The red car and its occupants sped away with the girl, he said, and the three other men escaped in an auto that had been parked nearby, leaving the chauffeur behind. Hernandez said no one was hurt and he saw no weapons.

The girl's mother, Mireille Carasse de Chaval, spoke to reporters in front of the family's colonial mansion late Tuesday and said no word had been received from the kidnappers. She appealed to them to allow her daughter to return.

"I cannot believe this has happened. We are only employees of a foreign government and are not wealthy people," she said.

The 23rd of September group takes its name from the date of an attack by a leftist guerrilla group on an army barracks in the Mexican state of Chihuahua 10 years ago. The group has claimed responsibility for two dozen terrorist raids in the last three years, in which more than 20 persons were killed.

GLANCE AT THE WORLD

189 held after Athens riots

ATHENS—Greek security authorities said yesterday that 51 of the 189 demonstrators arrested after Tuesday's riots here were still being held. About 30 of them have been charged by a public prosecutor and will be tried by a civil court this week on various charges including injuring policemen, damaging property and disturbing the peace.

The riots, in which a woman was killed and about 100 people were injured, broke out after a march by 4,000 persons protesting Parliament's approval of a government bill which bans unofficial strikes by workers not belonging to recognized trade unions.

At one point demonstrators fired shots at police who used tear gas and made repeated baton charges. Rioters threw stones, built barricades, overturned cars and lit fires in the streets.

The city was calm yesterday and employees of banks, department stores and foreign airlines were back at work after a two-day strike by workers protesting the bill. But several small trade unions continued the stoppage, claiming the bill restricts their professional rights, including the right to strike for political reasons.

Typhoon claims 100 Filipinos

MANILA—The death toll from Typhoon Olga neared 100 yesterday with many more missing as floods turned parts of the northern Philippines into virtual seas.

Eyewitnesses reported hundreds of people hanging onto rooftops and trees or marooned on high ground awaiting rescue in the central Luzon plains after four days of typhoon-driven rains.

The floods that followed in the wake of the typhoon affected 800,000 people. About 200,000 of these have been taken to evacuation centers.

Yugoslavs convict Russian spy

BELGRADE—A Russian woman has been convicted of spying and sentenced to prison in the first incident of its kind involving a Russian national in Yugoslavia, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The case is likely to affect relations between Belgrade and Moscow. They already have been strained by Yugoslavia's refusal to endorse a Soviet-inspired document laying the groundwork for the Summit Conference of European Communist parties.

The spokesman said the woman was sentenced more than a month ago in Zagreb. Yugoslav sources identified her as Irena Posa, in her 30s, and said she was given a five-year sentence at a closed trial.

Hays admits error of his ways



WASHINGTON—Democratic Congressman Wayne Hays confessed on Tuesday that he had an affair with an aspiring 33-year-old actress on his payroll.

"I am a human being capable of emotions and errors and I have erred," he said in an emotional speech on the floor of the House of Representatives.

But the 64-year-old Congressman denied that he had put blonde Elizabeth Ray on the public payroll as a \$14,000 a year secretary in exchange for her sexual favors—a claim she made in a newspaper interview on Sunday.

He told the House he had erred in making disclaimers about the affair. House members were summoned specially to the floor to hear his statement.

French to double arms spending

PARIS—The French National Assembly adopted a sweeping multi-billion dollar bill yesterday to modernize the armed forces and to double military spending by 1982.

The bill was carried by 303 votes to 181 after sharp debate. The Socialist-Communist opposition charged that President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's military policies were leading France gradually back into the fold of the U.S.-led NATO combined commands.

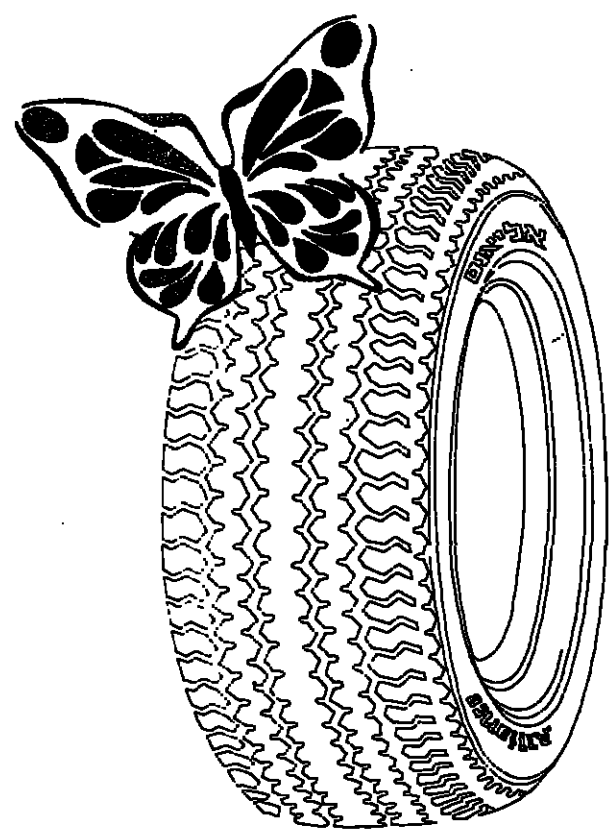
Under the five-year military buildup bill, France will increase its annual military spending from 58 billion francs (\$12.9b.) this year to 115 billion francs (\$25.5b.) in 1982.

Explosion in New Delhi airport

TOKYO—A package which exploded early yesterday at New Delhi airport was addressed to the Soviet Aeroflot airline office in the Indian capital, a spokesman for Japan Airlines said in Tokyo.

The spokesman said the explosives were contained in a small cardboard box flown from Bangkok to New Delhi Tuesday night aboard a JAL jumbo jet.

The package, taken from the jet to the airport arrival lounge, exploded shortly afterwards, shattering huge panes of glass in the lounge and the visitors' gallery upstairs. But the area was virtually deserted at the time, and no one was hurt.



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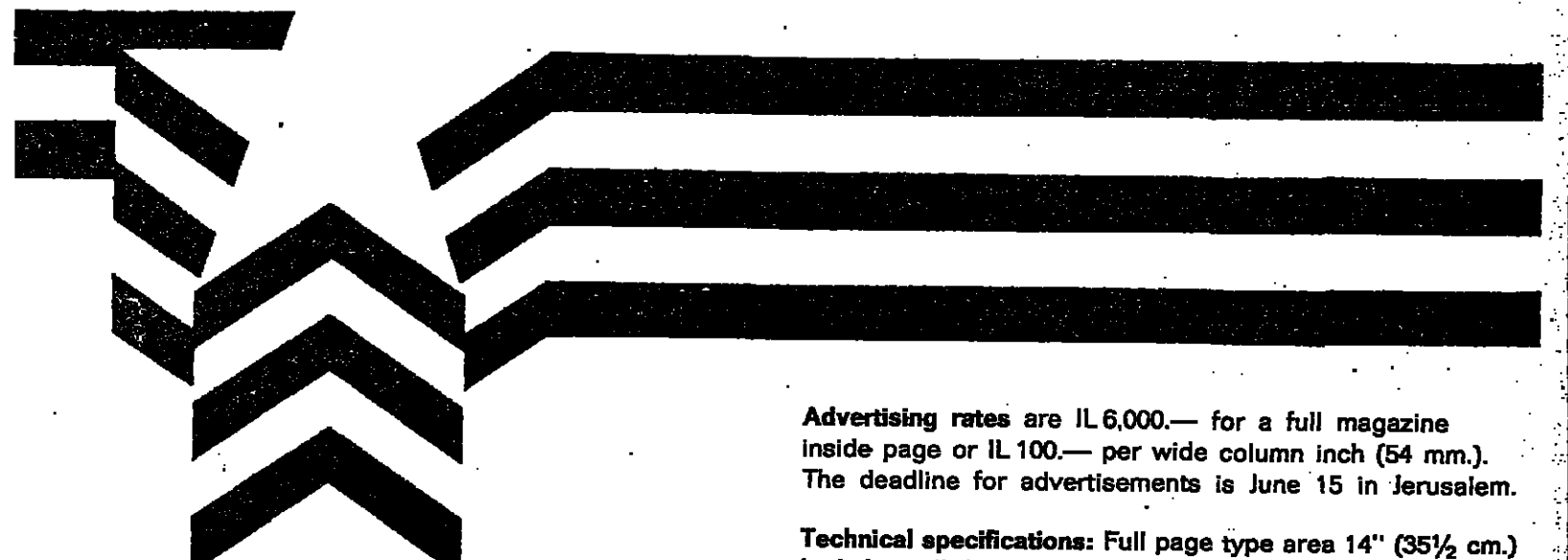
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The 12 new Freeman of J'lem

TWELVE veteran Jerusalemites were yesterday honoured with the title of "Freeman of Jerusalem" at a ceremony in the Jerusalem Theatre attended by President Ephraim Katzir, Mayor Teddy Kollek, deputy mayors and MKs.



Dr. Israel Goldstein, 75, born in Philadelphia and for 42 years Rabbi of the Bnai Yeshurun Synagogue in New York City. Settled in Israel in 1960 after having visited the country frequently since 1928. Served as chairman of the Keren Hayesod and member of the Jewish Agency Executive. Bestowed with honorary doctorates by several universities including the Hebrew University.

Rabbi Shalom Asulin, 84, born in Mea Shearim and since 1928 chairman of the Mea Shearim Neighbourhood Committee. Was eyewitness to the historic meeting between Theodor Herzl and Kaiser Wilhelm II. Was among founders of Zichron Moshe Quarter and established a society for distributing bread to the poor.

Leo Weissman, 71, resident of Jerusalem since immigrating 44 years ago. A master craftsman in woodwork who in 1938 founded one of the country's first modern carpentry works. Trained a generation of skilled cabinet-makers. Active in the Hagana, he fought in the Old City in 1948 and was taken prisoner by the Jordanians.



Mrs. Zivia Yafeh, 73, immigrated from Yemen at the age of 13. Over the decades has worked tirelessly to assist the ill, the newcomer and the needy. Known as the "Mother of the Shecumot" (neighbourhoods).

Rabbi Hillel Leiberman, 70, immigrated in 1924, founded the Beit Yaakov School in Jerusalem and the Beit Yaakov Teachers' Seminary. Served 14 years as member of the Jerusalem City Council.

Anna Grace Vester Lind, 72, whose family founded the American Colony in East Jerusalem, director of the Spaford Children's Centre in the Old City. Mrs. Lind is honoured for her work in extending medical help to the children of Jerusalem regardless of their race or religion. (An article on Mrs. Lind appeared in Tuesday's Jerusalem Post.)



Arye Lifschitz, 75, worked as a builder on projects including Government House and the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. From 1938, worked with Youth Aliya, serving as secretary to Henrietta Szold and bringing youth from displaced persons camps in Europe after Second World War. Author of several books.

Shlomo Mirachi, 78, of an old Jerusalem family. Volunteered for the Jewish Legion in the First World War and has been a lawyer in Jerusalem for more than 50 years. Active on various public bodies.

Dr. Ludwig Eleaser Nelkin, 78, prominent Jerusalem physician. Was active in German Zionist Students Organization while studying medicine. At the Berlin Jewish Community Hospital was assistant to Prof. Herman Strauss in 1922-25 when insulin began to be used for diabetes. Joined Kupat Holim on arriving in this country in 1933 and acted as doctor to Hagana. Directed Hebrew University's medical progress section 1953-1975. Is honoured for research in the field of diabetes and devotion to the treatment of the ill in Jerusalem over 43 years.



Prof. Nathan Feinberg, 81, authority on international law. First Dean of Hebrew University Law Faculty. Has written many books on international law and on the Jewish question.

Rabbi Shmuel Kipnes, 93. In 1928, while a rabbi in the Soviet Union, organized a national congress of representatives of the Jewish communities in the country — the first and last Jewish assembly ever held in the USSR. Set up underground Jewish schools and mikvaot for which he was jailed several times. Upon immigrating to this country, was appointed rabbi of Beit Horstein Synagogue. Awarded the Rav Kook Prize for his book on the Zohar.

Mrs. Rachel Rivlin, 72, born in London, immigrated at age of 22 and married the late educator Yosef Yosef Rivlin. Has been active in assistance to the poor, was among founders of Alyn Hospital and has aided the Ezra Nashim Mental Hospital founded by her family. During War of Independence, was co-founder of Hachlami Military Hospital.

Music Reviews

Police band plays with gusto

THE ISRAELI POLICE ORCHESTRA, conducted by Arich Zemanek (Jerusalem Theatre-May 23). Music by Handel, Beethoven, Mozart, Strauss, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Liszt, and others. The orchestra, consisting of 15 brass instruments, 15 woodwinds, and 15 strings, is a formidable force. They have been playing in a concert hall, listening to their "own" band, which normally appears only on parade grounds and on occasions of state, playing almost exclusively marches and national anthems. It is a great pity that the general public does not take more notice of this brave group of professional musicians as their performance was not at all martial or brassy but presented a lot of "good music" nicely performed.

Mr. Zemanek offered a Passacaglia by Handel in a beautiful special arrangement for band which brought out all the good qualities of the ensemble. Rossini and Orff rounded off the "classical" part of the programme, which, of course, turned then to the lighter — but not less enjoyable — side.

The band has made further progress in closely-knit teamwork; its intonation — a most difficult problem for any band — is almost faultless and its precision highly satisfactory. Above all, it plays with gusto (particularly some of the percussion), and obvious dedication. Its main virtue, due undoubtedly to the unrelenting efforts of its conductor, lies in the smooth and velvety sonority, which makes the Israeli Police Orchestra a musical group of high value, far beyond the line of duty.

Y.B.

Flawless but too rigid

Piano recital by Yefim Bronfman, (Tel Aviv May 23). Repertoire: Beethoven's 32 Variations in C minor; Berg: Sonata Op. 1; Bartok: Suite Op. 14; Schumann: Faschingsschwank aus Wien Op. 26.

THERE CAN BE NO doubt about Yefim Bronfman's great talent, which may in due time make him a most accomplished artist. Nor is there any doubt about the tremendous progress he has made since his last recital. As far as the keyboard is concerned, Bronfman is already magnificently equipped, but from the musical point of view one must feel concern for his performance.

Not that there was anything actually wrong. On the contrary, Beethoven and Schumann were attacked powerfully, were rich in contrast, perfect in formal conception. Schumann's "Faschingsschwank" was well balanced between serious sentiment and humorous merriment. Yet despite all these achievements, Bronfman did not play as well as he is expected. At his last recital I admired the rare combination of virtuosity and musical depth of his playing. This time it often seemed mechanical and, what was perhaps even more worrying, rigid. He avoided expressing himself freely. He refused to caress a phrase, to sing it out. He did not, so to speak, follow his heart. His tone was also a cause for concern, especially the forte. It hit the surface, did not develop from within and had little resonance.

The only work I found flawless was the Bartok. Bright in sound, strongly phrased, plastic in melodic and rhythmic fabric, it clearly showed what Bronfman is really capable of.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

MDA improves Haifa services

By YAAQOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "AT LEAST two-thirds of Israel's heart attack fatalities could be saved if they received competent medical aid within the first two hours after the seizure and before they are moved," according to Dr. Egon Riss, head of Rambam Hospital's heart institute.

Dr. Riss, who heads the medical advisory committee of the Greater Haifa Magen David Adom, says that some 2,300 heart attack victims are admitted to Rambam each year. "The mortality rate is highest among the 45 to 55 age group, just when they are at the height of their productivity," he explains. "But two-thirds could be saved and restored to health by quick medical aid given them at their home or place of work."

As it happens, talks are now under way between MDA, the Health Ministry, the local authorities in the Greater Haifa area, the sick funds and hospital managements to establish a 120,000-300-year operating fund for a coronary care ambulance with a medical team of three: a heart specialist, a male nurse and a driver. The fully-equipped ambulance, a gift from abroad, has already arrived, but operating funds are not yet available.

MDA has also greatly improved its ambulance and duty doctors services lately. Where only one doctor was in attendance at the MDA centre in Rehov Yitzhak Sadah (opened about two years ago), four are now on duty between 13.00 and 16.00 (when Kupat Holim clinics are closed) and again after 19.00. Two of these duty doctors travel in the ambulances and render first aid to the sick or accident victims on their way to the hospital. This innovation has eased the heavy work at the hospitals' clearing wards and speeded up treatment after admission.

MDA operations in Greater Haifa, serving a 450,000-strong population, will cost IL3m. this year (not including the proposed heart care ambulance service), IL1m. more than last year. The city contributes IL300,000, the Health Ministry nothing at all, and the bulk comes from voluntary contributions and salaries. Only 45 employees are salaried, among them nurses, drivers, office staff and others, with over 200 active volunteers.

A NEW BRANCH of the Israel Association of University Women has been established in Herzliya under the chairmanship of Miriam Ben-Haim.

New triplets need a home

By Marsha Pomerantz / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE TRIPLET daughters of Rina and Zevulun Muallem, aged one month last Friday, are still at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. They've been healthy enough to go home for nearly two weeks now. The problem is that they have no home.

Their mother, 18, and father, 21, have been living with Zevulun's family in a long green shack shaped like a railroad car: a pre-fabricated structure like dozens of others that compose the Asbestonim quarters, A and B, in Jerusalem. The Muallem family moved there — temporarily, they thought — when they arrived in Israel from Iraq 19 years ago. The surrounding hills have since sprouted high-rise apartments. Down in the valley, the Asbestonim residents are gradually being relocated and the pre-fabs reduced to their concrete platforms. But the pace is hardly noticeable to those who live there.

Rina and Zevulun are entitled to help from Pratzot, the joint state-municipal housing company which helps shomrim evictees to buy alternate housing. The go-between has been Ruthie Rogolund, a third-year social work student doing her practical service at the "Little Hadassah," a community-oriented public health centre in Kiryat Hayovel.

After weeks of hunting, the couple did find a three-room flat that suited them, Ruthie said. It had just enough space and was close enough to come of Rina's sisters-in-law to ensure some help from them. But Pratzot refused to approve the flat, in Kiryat Ganim, because the neighbourhood already drew too heavily on the existing social services. Pratzot offered an alternative flat, slightly larger, in Katamon Tet, and the couple are now deciding whether or not they will take it.

Asked what choice remained to them, Nissim Cohen of Pratzot said, "There is nothing left for them to choose." He refused to put the family in the "difficult" neighbourhood of Katamon Tet. He was offering a slightly larger flat, he said, and one closer to Rina's mother. But Rina's mother, for all her wish to help, has seven other children to take care of.

If the couple declines the Katamon offer, they will have to look for another flat on their own — and, said

Cohen, there is no certainty that it will be approved for payment (IL2,400-2,500 per sq.m.) by Pratzot.

Meanwhile, Ruthie explained, the hospital was mounting pressure to take the children out. Until when would they be willing to keep them? "The deadline was two weeks ago," said Ruthie.

THE PRE-FAB is clearly not the place for three month-old babies. When I visited recently, Rina and I talked over a cup of tea in a sparsely-furnished bedroom, one of four rooms made of asbestos and no closeable doors that I could see. Five or six relatives and friends were sitting around in the kitchen, and their talk and the radio were clearly audible. The building accommodated ten people in five beds, Rina explained. The bedroom walls were stencilled in three or four colours, and the only other decoration in the room was an ashtray, which Rina filled as we talked.

"I'm 18 years old, the mother of three healthy daughters, and I'm happy," said Rina, passing for the statement to sink in. She had brown hair and freckles, and wore jeans and a cotton pullover. She had refused to have x-rays taken before the birth and had a hard time adjusting to the shock of triplets. She is now coping with the problems, aided by three social workers — besides Ruthie, one from the hospital, and one from the Kiryat Hayovel Welfare Office. "I'll wait a few years and then have triplet sons," Rina joked. But she was serious about wanting "at least one boy."

Zevulun, as she saw him, was the mainstay of his family — financial and emotional. The eldest child, he had gone through the required mobilization procedures, but then went "from office to office" asking for an exemption. When nothing came of his petition, Rina said, he deserted. As a result, he spent most of his married life in an army prison, and was pardoned only on Independence Day, after the babies were born. Until he actually saw his daughters, he refused to believe he was the father of triplets. Now he's convinced. Aside from apartment-hunting, he is looking for a job.

Manufacturers and organizations

Figure it out/Judie Oron Bottoms up

keeping your shoulders on the floor at all times. Now, swing your knees to the right. Keep flopping from side to side. Start at 20 on each side, and work up to as many as your bruised flesh can stand.

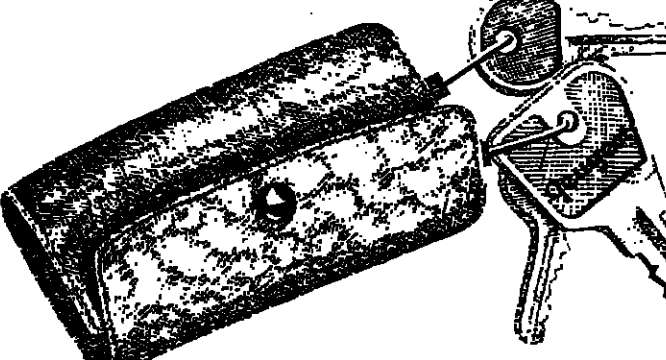
2. Remain in the same position as in the previous exercise but bring your feet up to your chest, raising your feet off the floor at the same time. Swing your knees from side to side, making sure they touch the floor on each side and your shoulders remain on the floor. You won't need to make as much noise as in the first exercise, but do try to remain on the floor. If you can't bear it, use a thin blanket until your hide gets harder. Start at 10, and work up to 25. These exercises are not really very strenuous but they take some getting used to.

3. Sit up (still on the floor) with your legs straight and shoulders back. Begin "walking" on your bottom, lifting your legs slightly as you go forward, but being very careful not to use your shoulders as a

propelling force. "Walk" as far as you can without colliding with the furniture, then backwards to where you started. Repeat for about 3-5 minutes.

4. Still sitting, roll over onto the outside of the left thigh, supporting yourself with both hands in front of you. Now roll over onto the right thigh. Keep rocking from side to side (naturally, still on the floor). Count at least 30 rocks.

These exercises are especially designed for those hard-liners who believe that if it doesn't hurt it doesn't work. Indulge in as much torture as you can stand. You should feel quite uplifted. Now that you've done a thorough job of massaging the fat, try running on the spot for five minutes to burn off a few more calories. A steaming hot bath should enable you to get out of bed on the morning without too much discomfort.



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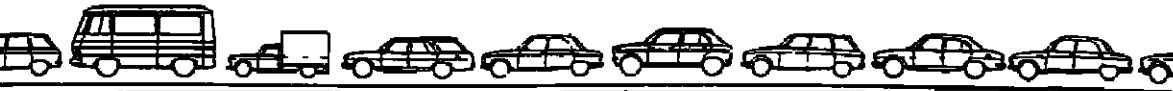
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Tax reform failure

PROF. BEN SHAHAR and other members of the panel whose recommendations formed the basis of last year's income tax reform have warned of serious erosion eating away at the reform. The criticism is well taken and even understated, for erosion is hardly the word to apply to that part of the reform which has not been implemented at all.

This refers to the large-scale income tax evasion on the part of substantial sectors of the self-employed, and to the need to launch a head-on attack on the underground economy based on untaxed profits and other "black" moneys.

It is difficult today to recall the feeling of relief which swept the country last year when the Ben Shahar recommendations were announced. This feeling of relief also embraced those taxpayers who over the years had, willingly or unwillingly, become enmeshed in the officially sanctioned tax dodging of the Sapir era. This change in public opinion, which the committee sought both to create and exploit, smoothed the way for initial implementation of the reforms.

This early success was also due to the impression created among salaried tax-payers that no one would lose from the new tax rates and regulations. Moreover the principle was adopted that in no case would net income be lowered during the first year. The moment of truth has now come and gone, and the sad fact is that the principle of the sanctity of net income has apparently triumphed over the principles which underlay the Ben Shahar reforms. This is the only conclusion possible, to judge from the cases of the El Al air crews, the maritime crews and various other interest groups.

Failure to impose the reform principles universally and uniformly more than a year after the reforms began — plus the Treasury's impotence in applying the same reforms to the self-employed — has undercut the basis purpose of the tax reform committee. This purpose was to bring about a change in the public atmosphere, which over the past few years had begun to legitimize tax cheating.

The Ben Shahar proposals were based on the correct assumption that few Israelis delight in cheating on their taxes, but that there are also few who could totally resist all temptation. The mainstream, it was assumed, was largely influenced in its attitudes by the general atmosphere. What had happened in the Israel of the 1967-73 inter-war years was that leading sectors of this mainstream had gradually succumbed to the message that cheating on taxes was no longer reprehensible, and for fear of being made to look the fool, had, indeed, turned around and created the public atmosphere condoning such behaviour.

The failure to change this circumstance constitutes the major economic failure of the past year.

LONDON, which houses the Socialist International Bureau is an ideal vantage point for observing trends in Europe-Israel relations. From his post in London, Yoram Peri, European representative of the Israel Labour Party keeps regular contact with the various European socialist parties and their leaders. The picture he draws of a steady erosion of the European socialist position on the Palestinian issue is alarming. But "forewarned is forearmed", and he holds that public opinion in Israel must be alerted to this development.

Between 1967 and 1973 says Peri, Israel "lost the battle in Europe" on the Palestinian issue. He explains: "Israel's policy was that the Palestinians did not exist, while the Arabs managed to persuade European public opinion and policy-makers that they did exist."

From 1973 onwards, Peri adds, we have been in the process of losing the second battle, over what is termed "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians," or "the Palestinians' right to self-determination." He points out that a number of European governments have laid down a pro-Arab line some years ago already. That is especially the case for France and Italy, which managed to swing the other Common Market members behind them in the Middle East Declaration of November 1973. But the newest, and for Israel the most alarming development, is that even the friendliest socialist parties have begun to change their stances.

"The burning issue at the moment is not whether the Palestinians exist or not — that is quite clear to them — nor whether the Palestinians possess 'legitimate rights'. What is left open is only the question whether the European socialists should recognise the need to establish a separate Palestine state, and whether to recognise the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. On both scores, there is general erosion of the previous positions of the European parties, including the most pro-Israeli of them," Peri warns.

European socialists and the Palestinian question

Since the Six Day War there has been a steady erosion in the attitude of the socialist parties in Europe on the question of Palestine, says YORAM PERI, the Labour Party's European representative. MARK SEGAL reports.

The most extreme pro-Arab line among European socialists is taken by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. He is openly urging the PLO to recognise Israel and to agree to a mini-state in the West Bank and Gaza. Next comes the Italian Socialist Party (P.S.I.), which recently invited the PLO to attend their convention, thus marking a precedent among socialist parties. Israel's Labour Party responded by boycotting the occasion. Another warning sign comes from the other end of the continent where the Swedish Social Democrats, their country's ruling party, are moving towards the PLO. The party's secretary-general some two months ago formally received the PLO foreign affairs spokesman Farouk Kaddumi. The official line is that Sweden's socialists recognize the PLO as "the most authoritative representative of the Palestinian people."

In France, the Socialist Party leader, Francois Mitterand, who is a lifelong supporter of Israel, has begun to speak of the PLO as "one of the representatives of the Palestinian people," Peri notes. The change has set in even among such sworn backers of the Jewish State as Danish Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen, who a month ago announced that he would permit the PLO to open an "information bureau" in Copenhagen. A Danish party official subsequently told Peri that "no change has taken place in our official attitude towards the PLO, and we do not intend to grant them official recognition. But we have to accept the political facts of life..."

Even in Britain whose Labour Government has been among the friendliest in Europe, there are signs of change. Peri recalls that a year ago, when Harold Wilson was still Premier and James Callaghan Foreign Secretary, the latter spoke of "the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people." In greeting Egyptian Foreign Minister Fahmy at an official dinner, however, the official British stand makes a distinction between the recognition of "Palestinian rights" and the recognition of the PLO, and the Foreign Office has denied that it intends altering the status of the PLO representative, who has been in London since 1971 as a member of the Arab League Mission.

Reinforcing his warning of erosion in the European socialist position on the Palestinian issue, Peri points out that while some parties speak merely of "The National Rights of the Palestinians," most of them hold that the Middle East conflict will not be solved without "giving expression to the political rights of the Palestinians," and this trend is beginning to manifest itself in louder support for a Palestinian state. This is certainly also the case with several non-socialist European

governments, such as the Christian Democratic Government of Italy, which speaks of the need to "create an independent state" for the Palestinians, and the French Government refers to "patrie" (homeland) for the Palestinians.

What should also cause concern is the sharp shift in the position of West Germany's Social Democratic Government. A year ago, at the SPD conference in Bonn, both former Chancellor Willy Brandt and his successor Helmut Schmidt said that "it is impossible to demand of Israel to conduct negotiations with the PLO as long as the latter does not recognise the state of Israel's right to exist, and abandons the use of terrorism." Only recently, however, Chancellor Schmidt used the term "staatllichkeit" (statehood) in discussing the Palestinian issue.

Says the Labour Party's European representative: "We still do not hear talk in favour of setting up a separate Palestinian state from the official spokesmen of the parties, but in unofficial conversations, one does hear the refrain all too frequently." He adds: "I have no doubt that this process will continue, and Israeli public opinion, especially in the Labour Party, must be aware of this."

In the most general terms, the European socialist position may be classified under three headings: "an Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 lines,

with minor adjustments; the unqualified right of the Jewish state to exist in security; and the realization of the Palestinians' legitimate rights." The European socialist parties agree on the need for a Palestinian entity, but are undecided whether this should be part of a confederation or a federation, or quite independent, and they have yet to decide whether the PLO should be the only representative of the Palestinians or only one of several, or whether King Hussein is also to be involved.

"Regrettably," says Peri, "the West Bank elections strengthened these trends as well as the PLO's standing among Europeans. Similarly, the Europeans have reacted quite cynically to the Lebanese massacres, and did not at all feel that it should affect their conception of a Palestinian solution."

Asked whether Arab propaganda had anything to do with this, Peri makes the point that, of course, while the Arabs spend millions on public relations, Israel's supporters only have a few thousands to put their case forward. It must also be understood that the main factor in shaping European public opinion is reporting from Israel, "which in many cases is one-sided and distorted."

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CONTINUING TERRORISM

DAVAR (Hetzadut): "Four years after the great tragedy at Lod Airport, another terrorist attack was made and a girl security officer and a man, apparently the passenger who brought in the suitcase, were killed. This grave incident is further evidence that the fighting in Lebanon does not prevent the terrorist organisations from attempting to disrupt life in Israel and that, as in the past, they are helped by non-Arab elements. But the outstanding feature about Tuesday's attempt was the alertness of the security authorities, who averted a far greater tragedy."

HA'ARETZ (Independent): "The passenger who brought in three suitcases containing explosive material

flew in by Austrian Airlines. The main responsibility for the tragedy thus falls on the Austrian authorities from whose territory the plane took off. The explosives should have been discovered in the baggage check. The tolerant policy of the Austrian Government towards the PLO has now paid off anew for the terrorists. The Austrian Government is now duty-bound to check whether the PLO has allies among its security personnel or whether the planting of the booby-trapped suitcases should be ascribed 'only' to negligence that may well be called criminal."

HATZOFE (National Religious) also asserts that the security authorities of Vienna airport bear the main responsibility for the disaster. "Those responsible for security arrangements at that airport insist that all suitcases were checked and no explosive material discovered. In that case, did the terrorists have abettors among the airport staff so as to by-pass the security check?"

"Tuesday's disaster is a reminder that greater caution and alertness are called for, and this applies also to the foreign airlines which run flights to Israel.

"The terrorists who have been welcomed by so many European countries are again revealing their true character. Will this lead their European hosts to have second thoughts on whether to send them from their countries?" The paper asks, concluding that the Austrian Government should re-examine its attitude towards the terrorist organizations.

MAPAM's threatened exit from the Alignment causes Moshe Werman's usually unperturbed brow to crease with anxiety. As the whip of the Alignment Knesset faction, Werman is a past master of consensus building. He implicitly believes that the quest for the consensus is the finest aspect of the political game. Nay, it is a quest which tends to be proved with practice, yet can only be practised successfully by those who love it and have a talent for it. Werman confesses that he loves the art, and, judging from the performance of his Knesset faction in the last three years, he certainly does not lack the talent. But now, alas, this business with Mapam...

True, there has never been such a difficult Knesset as the present one, which is heading towards a timely end within a year or so. Although it formed the Government, the Alignment has from the start been little better than a coalition of unrelated parties. Labour itself is split in more than one way. Members sometimes spoke in the House against the Government. On some rare occasions, two or three of them even voted against Government motions. But only one Labour member actually left the party.

"I do not foresee more MKs crossing the red line out," says Werman. He is not altogether shocked by the independent manner of some of his colleagues. "It shows we are not totalitarian." But he admits that it takes a lot of hard work to make the tree sprouts abide by the rules of organized parliamentary procedure. How is that done? Well, there is no ready recipe. "You just feel it in your bones that something is brewing. You speak to people. Directly, on the phone, in committees. The whip, you might say, is the ever-present fireman looking for smoke." It takes agility, tact, firmness,

A lot of sang-froid

MOSHE WERTMAN, the Alignment's whip in the Knesset, is a past master of the art of consensus building. In a conversation with Post reporter SRAYA SHAPIRO, he discusses his hopes and fears for the future of consensus.

knowledge of people. And a lot of sang-froid.

WERTMAN has learned all these the hard way. A native of Lublin, Poland, he was brought by his parents to Tel Aviv when he was just one year old. But his father could not make a living here during the recession of the late 1920s, and went back to Europe. Werman himself returned to Palestine only in 1947, having come of age under Russian war-time rule. He joined the Palestine Electric Corporation, where he found ample scope for his acquired technical abilities, as well as for his inborn love for public affairs. He became a Histadrut stalwart, and later slipped naturally from trade

READERS' LETTERS

ACTING IN OUR BEST INTERESTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Your article on the Jewish settlement in Kaddum (May 14) was provocative in that it made more apparent the true motivation of the settlers. One of those interviewed stated that "other nations act in terms of what they consider to be their best interests. Now, for the first time, we have to act in terms of what we consider to be our best interests. He couldn't have been more correct in summarizing the mood of national egoism which is now sweeping these people. Buber, in writing of the uniqueness of the Jewish people, points out that the only trait which separated the Jewish nation from the other nations was our ability to rise above our national interests and adhere to those tenets of justice and morality which are the watchwords of Jewish existence.

Since immigrating to Israel

several years ago, I have been amazed by many things — dishonesty, near absence of any work ethic, and rudeness. One thing that I have never quite been able to fathom, however, was how Jews, any Jews, once the incarnation of social justice and liberalism — could succumb to such cheap jingoism and actively support such an obscene and immoral act as the settlement and subsequent annexation of land almost entirely populated by another nation. Alas! He has warned us many years ago that emulating the "other nations" would only transform us into another corrupt, little Levantine people — an end we may soon attain should Jews not realize that the moral imperative far outweighs any national or strategic interests that may be advocated for the seizure of the territories.

MICHAEL CROSS
Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPT

A GROUP of Dutch visitors recently toured Israel by bicycle, setting a good example to all of us, since cycling is not only good for the health but saves expensive petrol and avoids polluting the atmosphere.

The troupe found spick-and-span bicycles awaiting them at the Petah Tikva Youth Hostel. The Dutch girls were a little surprised that all were so-called "men's models," but as they were on the cross-bar caused them no bother.

From Petah Tikva, the cyclists pedaled to Zichron Yaakov and then to Nahariya (where they found the bicycle to be a still popular method of getting around). From the coast, they turned inland to Nazareth and then came up to Jerusalem. Getting up to the capital was a bit difficult and they took the bus for part of the journey, but going down to the coast again was a piece of cake, in World War Two jargon.

The Dutch cycling tour was sponsored by the young Israeli Cyclist and Touring Club which plans an international conference in Netanya in December. In the meantime it is hoped that cycling paths will be laid out in and around flat areas such as Lod, Ramle, Beerseba, Ashkelon and Ashdod, as well as near the Tel Aviv and Bar Ilan universities.

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